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Policy on C.I.A. and F.B.I. Lies Described by Allen Dulles in '64

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (AP)—The late Director of Central Intelligence, Allen W. Dulles, told the Warren Commission that the F.B.I. and C.I.A. directors might lie to anyone but the President to conceal identities of their undercover agents, according to recently declassified documents.

The documents are quoted in a book being published today about the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. The book, entitled "Whitewash IV," is by Harold Weisberg, a Frederick, Md., writer and investigator.

Mr. Weisberg lost a suit against the Government seeking release of the documents. However, the National Archives declassified the information and sent him copies.

Mr. Dulles, a member of the Warren Commission, who died in 1969, took part in a discussion Jan. 27, 1964, about whether J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, would truthfully answer questions on whether Lee Harvey Oswald had ever worked for either of their agencies.

The documents declassified included a verbatim transcript of that executive session of the commission.

"I think under any circumstances, I think Mr. Hoover would say certainly he didn't have anything to do with this fellow," said Mr. Dulles, who was no longer C.I.A. director at the time.

The book also quotes Mr. Dulles as saying: "I would tell the President of the United States anything, yes, I am under his control. I wouldn't necessarily tell anybody else, unless the President authorized me to do it."

At one point in the discussion the book quotes the late Senator Riciard B. Russell as saying to Mr. Dulles: "If Oswald never had assassinated the President and had been in the employ of the F.B.I. and somebody had gone to the F.B.I., they would have denied he was an agent."

Mr. Dulles responded: "Oh, yes."

Mr. Russell, Democrat of Georgia, then said: "They would be the first to deny it. Your agents would have done exactly the same thing."

Mr. Dulles said: "Exactly."

Mr. Hoover told the commission when he was questioned on May 14, 1964:

"I can most emphatically say that at no time was he [Oswald] ever an employe of the bureau in any capacity, either as an agent or as a special employe, or as an informant."

Mr. McCone was asked by the committee's general counsel, J. Lee Rankin, whether Mr. Oswald "Had any connection with the C.I.A., informer, or indirectly as an employe, or any other capacity?"

Mr. McCone replied: "I have determined to my satisfaction that he had no such connection."

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